

200 BOERS KILLED.

Fearful Loss, Though Victorious, at Colenso.

BRITISH DESTROYED THE BRIDGE.

Boer Commanders Evidently Wanted to Keep the Boer Commanders Described the Fearful Carnage Among British at Tugela River.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—4:30 a. m.—The war office is issuing lists of further deaths and wounds as well as accounts of sickness. The most serious reports of the last class is that horse sickness has broken out in both British and Boer camps in Natal.

A dispatch from Chieveley, dated Tuesday, Dec. 19, says:

"The British naval guns have destroyed the Colenso foot bridge, thus preventing the Boers holding any position south of the Tugela river. The enemy are taking up fresh positions on the eastern side, nearer the British camp."

"The British position at here is being strengthened. The Tugela river is rising and there is a prospect of heavy rains. A two-hour bombardment of Ladysmith has been heard from here. According to reliable native reports the Boers had 200 killed in the fight at Colenso."

The news that Colenso foot bridge has been destroyed seems to show that General Buller's more anxious to keep the enemy at bay than to attempt a further advance.

Despite the severity of the censorship hints are being continually received of the serious spread of Dutch disaffection in both the Queenstown district of Cape Colony and Natal. A correspondent of the Daily Mail at Pietersmaritzburg says:

"The extent of the Dutch disaffection should make the imperial authorities realize the magnitude of the task before them."

There were no confirmed reports from Cape Town that General Sir Charles Warren, commanding the Fifth division, returned there.

CARNAGE WAS AWFUL.

The Boer Commander Vividly Described the Awful Slaughter of British at Tugela River.

PRETORIA, Sunday, Dec. 17.—Over 500 British prisoners, captured at the battle of Stormberg, have arrived here. They were taken to Waterfall to join the other prisoners. An official account of the Boer casualties at the battle of Tugela river says 30 men were killed or wounded. General Buller's report of the battle, dispatched from the head of the river, says:

"Friday at dawn the day long expected arrived. The Pretoria detachment of artillery gave the alarm. General Buller's lady's relief committee was in battle array, advancing on the Boer positions close to the Tugela and Colenso. The centre consisted of an immense crowd of infantry, flanked on each side by two batteries, with strong bodies of cavalry supporting. The Boer artillery preserved absolute silence, not disclosing its position. Two batteries came within rifle distance of our foremost position, and the Boers then opened fire with deadly effect. Our artillery also commenced and, apparently, absolutely confused the enemy, who were open for them to cross."

"Their right flank, in the meantime attacked the Boers' southernmost position, but the Mauser rifle fire was so tremendous that they were rolled back like a spent wave, leaving ridges and ridges of dead and dying humanity behind. Again the British advanced to the attack, but again fell back, swelling the heaps of dead. Their cavalry charged to the river, where the Ermelo



MAJOR GENERAL SIR CHARLES WARREN, Commander of the Fifth British Division.

commando delivered such a murderous fire that two batteries of cannon had to be abandoned, which the Boers are now using to bring down the British. The first time they succeeded in hitting on to one cannon, and on the second trial the horses and men fell in a heap. "Then the British were in full retreat to their camp, whence they sent a heavy shrapnel fire on Buller's bridge, across the Tugela, to prevent the Boers from recovering the cannon. The French attaché, Villebois, and the German attaché, Braun, say the fight could not have been improved upon by the armies of Europe."

THE QUEEN'S CHRISTMAS.

Did Not Allow Her Great Sorrow to Interfere With Enjoyment of Grandchildren.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—For the first time in 13 years Queen Victoria and the royal family passed Christmas day at Windsor. The Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and the children of Princess Henry of Battenberg were of the party.

It was her express desire that the grandchildren who assembled about her should not have their Christmas

BUSY MEN.

Should Weigh This Question and Profit By An Akron Citizen's Experience.

Success in business is often handicapped. A man may have plenty of capital. May have energy in abundance. May have his business well. And still succeed slowly.

It's a case of too great a burden. The back can't carry it all. A lame or aching back is a handicap.

Drive the ache away and make work a pleasure. Learn what backache means. Learn that the backache is kidney ache.

Learn how to shake it off. Read how an Akron citizen did it: Mr. Henry Will, of 408 West

Thompson street, grocer at corner of South Main and Cross streets, says: "I suffered from an enervating backache which was accompanied by weakness and depression and an inclination to rise frequently during the night. I had more or less dull headaches and walking or climbing exhausted me. Procuring Doan's Kidney Pills from Lamparter & Co.'s drug store I found their use effective in removing the symptoms from which I suffered. They acted promptly, and I was much pleased with the result of their use. They made me sleep better for previously I was troubled with nervous restlessness. As a remedy for backache or indisposition from kidney derangement I have no hesitation in recommending Doan's Kidney Pills."

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marred by the events which have saddened her own heart, and the festivities at Windsor castle, though tinged with sadness, many stated, carried no suggestion of sorrow to the children who gladdened the queen's presence with the solace she is always able to find in the companionship of her youngest descendants.

Sweet Charity In Philadelphia. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 26.—On Christmas in this city the destitute received food and clothing, sick were given medical attention and poor children were rendered happy by gifts of necessities, sweet meats and knick knacks. A dinner for 8,000 people was provided by the Salvation army, and baskets of food were distributed among poor families. The American volunteers furnished dinners in a similar way to about 500 poor children, and the Protestant Episcopal city mission fed about 1,000 individuals. Other religious organizations and the various dist. kitchens took care of a large number of needy persons.

The Children's Christmas club gave its annual dinner to 1,000 poor boys and girls and distributed toys among them. Hospitals were remembered by the Flower mission and the Children's Aid society distributed as far as 500 children's gifts of books, scarves, gloves, mittens, handkerchiefs, boots, etc. The various organizations were materially aided in their work by the public.

Christmas in New York. NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Church services, feasting, matinees, and nappies generally were the features of the celebration of Christmas in this city. At Madison Square Garden the Salvation Army made good provision for the feeding of 50,000 people. At least half again that number appeared, and the army officers by dint of strenuous efforts met the requirements. In all the public institutions the Christmas cheer was provided with Christmas cheer by the authorities. The newsways came in for their share of good things at Grace Memorial Hall and various other places. The Sunday schools had trees and festivities either at day or night. It was reported by the railroads that the out-of-town travel on Saturday was unprecedented and the incoming traffic of country visitors seemed to have been great. At most of the churches in the city there were elaborate musical programmes, and there was a large attendance at all of the services.

Christmas in Washington. WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—On Christmas day all the executive departments were closed and practically all the members of both branches of congress were out of the city. Services were held in many churches. At the White House, about 10 o'clock, the president took a walk alone through the grounds at the south of the mansion and then joined Mrs. McKinley in the family living room. There were no callers and no guests. Nothing attended church, and at the usual hour they dined alone.

Wife and Child Burned. CUMBERLAND, Md., Dec. 26.—Mrs. William Finch was burning rubbish in her yard near Charlotte, Va., when she heard the screams of her 4-year-old son, and, turning around, saw the little one was wrapped in flames. She tried to extinguish the fire when her own clothing became ignited.

Her husband ran to her aid to find his child burned to death and the wife badly burned that she has since died.

Concerned About Churchill's Escape. PRETORIA, Sunday, Dec. 17.—The government is much concerned about escape of Lord Churchill, and the officials are doing their utmost to discover how he got away. The officials have instituted a house to house search for incriminating papers. The "Volksstem" asserts that he escaped disguised as a woman. The last book Churchill borrowed from the library was "Mills on Liberty."

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The worst area contains a population of about 250,000, and not a wagon road is to be found in any direction over which food can be transported. All food is carried on the backs of horses. Of this population 200,000 people must be fed or they will starve. If not fed at home they will migrate to the cities, leaving the weak to die.

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MORE BODIES SECURED.

Braznell Mines Yielded Up Additional Dead.

RESCUERS CONTINUE THEIR TASK.

Almost Exhausted, Yet They Refused to Give Up and Continued at Their Grim Work Doggedly—Some of the Recovered Bodies Laid to Rest.

Brownsville, Pa., Dec. 26.—Work at Braznell mines was still progressing slowly. The country roads from Brownsville to the mine are almost impassable and there is no telegraph or telephone connections with Braznell, so all news from the mine has to be brought overland. Four more bodies have been recovered, but not identified. Some of the families of the doomed men are in suffering condition, and provisions are being sent out by the Brownsville merchants as well as from Uniontown.

The men who have been working since Saturday to recover the bodies are almost exhausted, yet they refuse to give up and keep at the grim work doggedly, though more dead than alive. The fact that last Saturday was payday at the mine and that there were no empty wagons to load accounts for many not going into the mine that morning. Had the accident occurred on any other day there would have been more than 100 men in the mine, and the result would have been even more appalling than this.

The scenes about the morgue last night were such as to bring tears to many a stout heart.

As the burned and bleeding bodies were carried from the shaft, wives and children would fight frantically to get to the corpse, and when held by strong arms would weep pitifully and plead to be allowed to enter the morgue and find their lost ones. It is an occurrence that can never be forgotten by any who witnessed it.

Some of bodies were removed to their homes and were buried. Will Thomas, the cager, will be buried in the Bridgeport cemetery, while Peter Oazy will be taken to Stockdale, his former home. The dead taken from the mine so far are as follows:

Henry Hagar, 30 years old, leaves wife and three children.

Peter Orosory, 36 years old, leaves wife and four children.

William Thomas, 32 years old, leaves wife and three children.

Michael Rothel, 24 years old, single.

Samuel Meese, 39 years old, leaves wife and three children.

Albert Meese, 19 years old, died after being rescued yesterday morning.

Michael Mahin, 28 years old, leaves wife and two children.

George Kovits, 40 years old, single.

Joseph Kostay, 22 years old, single.

Joseph Maygar, 19 years old, single, leaves mother and two sisters.

William Molok, 23 years old, leaves wife and two children.

Paul Prolock, 24 years old, leaves wife and one child.

Among the men missing and known to be dead are the following Hungarians:

Michael Parahak.

Andrew Parahak, brothers.

Evel Landau.

Thomas Ksalak.

Andrew Tovarzi.

FUND FOR MRS. LAWTON.

It Was Confidentially Believed That at Least \$50,000 Will Be Subscribed For Family of Late General.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The total subscription to the Lawton fund up to noon of Christmas day was \$14,329.35. The committee, determined to continue the work until the 2nd of January.

It is proposed to continue active work in raising funds during the present week, and it is probable that the subscription list will be kept open until the return of Mrs. Lawton to this country.

It is not at all improbable that the fund will eventually reach the proportion of \$50,000. The original intention was to raise only a fund sufficient to pay off the mortgage of about \$5,000 on the Lawton homestead at Redlands, Cal., but the generous response to the appeal encouraged the committee to believe enough money will be subscribed beyond that sum to place Mrs. Lawton and her children above want for the rest of their lives.

Secretary Root and Adjutant General Corbin sent personal appeals to about 150 bankers and business men in New York, with the result of a large increase to the fund.

Among those who promised subscriptions were: William E. Vanderbilt, \$1,000; J. Pierpont Morgan, \$1,000; C. P. Huntington, \$1,000; Thomas F. Ryan of New York, \$1,000; and Helen Gould, \$500. The committee expects to receive at least ten subscriptions of \$1,000 each. J. I. Buchanan of Pittsburgh telegraphed General Corbin that a public meeting will be held in that city today to help the fund.

Alex. Revell of Chicago reported that \$1,000 had been subscribed by the merchants of that city. General Shafter reported that \$500 had already been raised by the citizens of St. Louis. General Corbin was also informed that the citizens of St. Louis had subscribed \$12,000.

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5c; and the 5c back, if you want it; from grocers.

Fels & Co., makers, Philadelphia.

the unfortunate inhabitants in the mountain districts, and a number of people have perished. It is feared that the epidemic will spread to the coast, should there be a general movement of the mountain people in that direction. A movement of this kind has already been anticipated, and is being successfully controlled. But the relief must be continued freely in the mountain districts for all of December and during the greater part of January. It is estimated that not less than 3,000 additional tons of food will be required. The amount of cash received for the relief of the suffering people of the island up to Nov. 30 was \$15,224. The amount of money disbursed up to the date mentioned was \$7,417.

Up to Nov. 20 the total amount of food received was 17,163,788 pounds. Of this amount 10,548,516 pounds had been issued up to Nov. 30. The amount of unissued food on hand at San Juan on Nov. 30 was 6,615,272 pounds.

CLASH IN KENTUCKY.

Two Sets of Election Commissioners To Be Doing Business Today.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Dec. 26.—Governor Taylor announced his appointment of two election commissioners to succeed Pryor and Ellis, who resigned yesterday. The appointments will not be recognized by Poyntz and Fulton, the Democratic members, and they will organize a separate board.

The Republican board, it is expected, will take up cases of the Republican minor officers-elect. This will throw the question into the courts and the court of appeals will determine the rightful board.

TOWNS BADLY SHAKEN.

Earthquakes Damage Buildings in San Jacinto and Hemet, California—Other Towns Felt It.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 26.—A severe earthquake shock was felt over a large portion of Southern California. The entire center of the shock appeared to have been at San Jacinto, a small town in Riverside county. The business portion of San Jacinto consists of two blocks of two-story buildings, some of which are built of brick. Ten or 15 buildings were damaged, chimneys being toppled over and walls cracked and shaken.

The shock was felt at San Jacinto and Hemet, a small town nearby, is estimated at \$50,000.

The large tourist hotel at Hemet was damaged and the hospital at San Jacinto also suffered. The rear wall of the Johnson block at Hemet fell. No persons were injured at either place as far as known.

The shock was heavy at Santa Ana, Anaheim, San Bernardino, Riverside and other places, but no particular damage is reported except from San Jacinto and Hemet.

In this city no damage was done, though the shock was particularly violent.

TO CONSOLIDATE RAILROADS.

A Big Deal Reported to Be on Foot Which Certain Ohio Roads Figure.

TOLEDO, Dec. 26.—It was reported in railroad circles here that a deal is pending to consolidate the Detroit and Lima Northern, the Ohio Southern, the Lake Erie and Western and the Monon system. The first named road is under a receivership and the Columbus and St. Mary's branch has been sold to C. N. Haskell of this city and W. B. Strong, Jr., of New York. The free buying of Lake Erie and Western last week is considered as evidence that there is something in the air.

The Monon system, which is operated in connection with the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton road, was acquired by the Vanderbilt interests last spring, and is now being sold to St. Mary's branch of the Detroit and Lima Northern was sold two months ago it was intimated that it would be used as a link in a system which would parallel the Pennsylvania properties in Ohio and Indiana.

LARGE COAL LAND DEALS.

Thousands of Acres Disposed of in Washington County.

WEST ALEXANDER, Pa., Dec. 26.—Several deals in coal lands were made in which 10,000 acres were disposed of. Carroll & Mitchell, who had the lease on 8,000 acres of land in Marshall county, W. Va., and Western Washington county, near the state line, sold their holdings to J. V. Thompson of Uniontown. Twelve dollars an acre was paid for most of the transferred property.

The greatest deal of all will be settled for Jan. 3, 1910. Southeast of town 6,500 acres along the Baltimore and Ohio railroad and 3,200 acres northeast of here were sold by Chaney & Mitchell, but the price of the buyers could not be learned.

Christmas in Havana.

HAVANA, Dec. 26.—All the stores in Havana closed at 10 o'clock Christmas morning, and the rest of the day was devoted to conviviality. Only two newspapers appeared with the usual editions. Bands played on the Prado. Americans generally visited friends, most of those having families held giving dinners and inviting others of their acquaintances. General Leonard Wood dined with Captain Lucien Young, commander of the port, and Mrs. Young dropped into the river this morning. Table Rock is slowly but surely becoming smaller. The upper end of Goat island shows the wear made by water and marks of recession are plainly visible at the foot of the American and Horseshoe falls.

Injured in the Storm.

PRITTSBURG, Dec. 26.—A man giving his name as John Carner was run over and probably fatally injured by a West End car, near the Point bridge. He was hurrying across the tracks in the blinding storm that was raging. Carner was knocked down and fell under the wheels. His left leg was amputated above the knee and he is badly bruised all over the body and may be internally injured.

Duke of Westminster Was Cremated.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The remains of the Duke of Westminster, who succumbed to pneumonia last Friday at his town residence, Grosvenor House, were cremated at Woking cemetery. The duke had been active in the promotion of cremation, and was president of the Chester Crematorium society.

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GEN. YOUNG APPOINTED

Military Governor of Provinces In Northwest Luzon.

HEADQUARTERS TO BE AT VIGAN.

He Will Establish Posts at Certain Towns Under His Jurisdiction—Colonel Hood Appointed Military Governor in a Certain Section.

MANILA, Dec. 26.—9 a. m.—General Young has been appointed military governor of the provinces of northwestern Luzon, with headquarters at Vigan. His command includes the Thirty-third infantry, under Colonel Luther R. Hare, and the Third cavalry.

The Rev. Father Chidwick, who was chaplain of the Maine, is in charge of the remains of the dead heroes and will accompany them to Washington. Not more than a score of the bodies on the Maine were identified. The names of these are inscribed on the coffins which enclose their mortal remains. There were no ceremonies here in honor of the arrival of the Maine's dead, but impressive exercises will take place today, when the bodies are transferred from the ship to the train.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The remains of some of the dead of the battleship Maine will be interred at Arlington cemetery Thursday at 11 o'clock in the presence of President McKinley, most of the members of his cabinet and a large contingent of army and navy officers and others. The funeral rites over the dead will be performed by the Rev. Father Chidwick, who was attached to the cruiser when she was blown up in Havana bay. The chaplain of the naval academy will assist him. A pretty gray knoll near where the Santiago dead rest has been reserved as the final abiding place of the remains of the dead seamen. Relatives and friends have claimed 23 of the bodies and will give them private internment under an arrangement with the navy department, which has taken charge of the burial of all the bodies either unidentified or unclaimed.

Wildes May Fight a Duel.

PARIS, Dec. 26.—Oscar Wilde, who had for some time been living in Paris, may have to fight a duel. According to The Echo de Paris he became involved in an altercation in a restaurant with Mr. Richel, the employer, and as a result there were challenges.

Gifts to Hanna's Men.

Street Railway Men Remembered Christmas by the Senator.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 26.—The Cleveland City Railway company, known locally as the Little Consolidated, of which Senator Hanna is president, distributed nearly \$5,000 among its employees in Christmas gifts. Between 500 and 600 men employed on electric and cable lines received \$5 each.

The Little Consolidated men refused to quit work during the great street railway strike in this city last summer on the Big Consolidated lines. As a result the former company did an enormous business, and, in recognition of the loyalty of its employees, decided to distribute the amount named among them.

Killed on the Railroad.

LATROBE, Dec. 26.—Thurman Potganski, a Pole, aged 29 years, unmarried, was instantly killed at the Latrobe street crossing of the Pennsylvania railroad here this afternoon by a fast freight. He was hurled 50 feet, and dead when he struck the ground.

Mrs. Palmer Named.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Louise N. Mann, secretary to the Woman's National Auxiliary to the Blue and Gray Legion, has received a letter from President McKin